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Subject: Reference number: DG(SANTE)/2017-6126 - MR
Audit in Spain from 18 to 22 September 2017 in order to evaluate Member State activities to prevent tail-biting and avoid routine tail-docking of pigs

Dear [REDACTED];

Following the draft report of the above-mentioned audit, which was sent to you on 27 November 2017, I attach a copy which has been translated into Spanish.

Any comments you may wish to make on the factual content, or other elements, of the report, or on any action already taken in response to the report's recommendations, should be notified to our services within 25 working days of receipt of this letter. I would be grateful if these comments could be provided in a separate annex to your reply. You should be aware that your comments will be attached to the final version of the report, when this is made publicly available through the internet. Therefore, I would like to ask you not to identify, either directly or indirectly, individual establishments or operators, as this may hinder publication of your comments. In order to facilitate the presentation of your comments on the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety's internet site, a copy of the annex, containing your comments, should be sent by e-mail to: SANTE-IRL-audits@ec.europa.eu. Please use the audit reference number in all correspondence.

If you notice any linguistic discrepancy or divergence between the original and translated reports, please let us know, so that the necessary amendments to the translated report can be considered.

As mentioned in the letter of 24 November 2017, ref. Ares(2017)5758929, I would be grateful if you could provide, within 25 working days of receipt of this letter, details of any actions taken or planned, including deadlines for their completion, to address the recommendations contained in the report. For your convenience, the recommendations were annexed to the above-mentioned letter in a tabular format, with a column for your response. The completed table will be published,

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showing your responses to the relevant recommendations, with the final report. Your response will be published in the language in which you provide it.

Yours sincerely,

A redacted signature and name, consisting of three grey rectangular boxes stacked vertically. The top box is the largest, the middle one is smaller, and the bottom one is the smallest. A horizontal line is drawn across the top of the middle box.

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c.c.: H.E. Sr Pablo García-Berdoy, Permanent Representative of Spain to the EU